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1. SINCE SUBMISSION OF REFTEL, FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS COME TO OUR

ATTENTION : (PROTECT ALL SOURCES.)

(A) AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOURCE STATIONED IN GODE REPORTED THAT "UNIFORMED ARMED SOMALPE" ENTERED WORLD VISION FEEDING CAMP LOCATED 14 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF GODE IN THE OGADEN O/A JAN. 3RD. INSURGENTS, FINDING ONLY SOMALIS IN CAMP, HARMED NO ONE BUT DEPARTED WITH A LARGE QUANTITY OF CAMP'S FOOD SUPPLY. MISSIONARY CLAIMS THAT SOMALI DISSIDENT GROUPS ARE INCREASING IN THE GODE AREA.

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(B) AMERICAN EMPLOYED BY WORLD LUTHERAN FEDERATION

(WLF) STATES THAT WLF HAD ARRANGEMENTS WITH MIN OF HEALTH TO BUILD 12 CLINICS IN OGADEN, SOME AS CLOSE AS 40 KILOMETERS FROM SOMALI BORDER. MIN HEALTH HAS NOW INFORMED WLF THAT DUE TO INSURGENT ACTIVITIES IN OGADEN, CLINIC LOCATIONS WILL HAVE TO "RECONSIDERED".

(C) AMERICANS WORKING FOR MERCY AIRLIFT REPORT THAT SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED IN AKOBO, ILLUABORR PROVINCE, ABOUT DEC. 21, IN WHICH "SUDANESE TROOPS" KILLED 10 TO 13 ETHIOPIAN CIVILIANS IN AREA. SOURCES, WHO FLY INTO THE AREA, REPORT THAT A THIRD INCIDENT THERE ABOUT JAN. 9 RESULTED IN MORE CIVILIANS BEING KILLED.

(D) ETHIOPIAN SOURCE WHO ATTENDED FUNERAL OF ONE OF THE DECEASED, REPORTS THAT 10 ZEMETCH STUDENTS WERE KILLED BY "SHIFTAS" IN AXUM ON JAN. 4TH. SOURCE INDICATED THAT MANY PEOPLE DOUBT THAT INSURGENTS WERE ACTUALLY INVOLVED AND SUSPECT GOVERNMENT TROOPS OF PERPETRATING INCIDENT.

(E) BRIT EMBASSY HAS IT FROM GOOD SOURCE WHO WAS TURNED BACK, THAT EPMG HAS SET UP ROADBLOCK TO PREVENT NON-OFFICIAL, NON-ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC FROM PROCEEDING NORTH OF BAHAR DAHR. ROADBLOCK REPORTEDLY CONNECTED TO INCREASING INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN GOJJAM AND BEGEM-EJDIR

(F) GOOD SOURCE REPORTS THAT INSURGENT GROUP, LED BY SEMEGHEH DESTA, HAS INCREASED ITS ACTIVITY IN EAST CENTRAL GOJJAM. THE GROUP REPORTEDLY STOPPED A BUS "LAST WEEK" NEAR INJIBARA AND EXECUTED SEVERAL OF THE PASSENGERS. WHILE SOURCE DID NOT SPECIFY, PREVIOUS REPORTS FROM THAT AREA INDICATED THAT INSURGENTS AND TOWNSPEOPLE WERE STOPPING BUSES AND CHECKING IDENTIFICATION OF

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PASSENGERS IN A SEARCH FOR ZEMETCHA STUDENTS AND SOLDIERS ATTEMPTING TO EVACUATE THE AREA IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES.

(G) SWEDISH COLLEAGUE REPORTS THAT 6 OR 7 PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR LAND ROVER HIT A MINE IN TOWN OF GHINIR 80 KILOMETERS EAST OF GOBA IN BALE PROVINCE.

GOVERNMENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT MINE WAS PLASTIC ANTI-TANK DEVICE. SWEDISH RELIEF MISSION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM GHINIR WITH OK OF R AND R COMMISSIONER SHIMELIS ADUGNA WHO ADMITS THAT AREA IS UNSAFE.

(H) BRIT EMBASSY HAS IT FROM "THREE GOOD SOURCES"

THAT 22 ERITREANS WERE EXECUTED IN AKAKI PRISON IN ADDIS ABABA ON JAN. 3RD. REASON FOR EXECUTIONS IS UNKNOWN;; BUT PRESUMABLY RELATED TO ERITREAN INSURGENT MOVEMENT. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT.

(I) CHICAGO TRIBUNE REPORTER JUST RETURNED FROM TOUR THROUGH WOLLO DURING FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY REPORTS THAT AREA WAS AN "ARMED CAMP". SOURCE REPORTED THAT ETHIOPIAN "ARTILLERY" WAS SHELLING MOUNTAIN VILLAGES FROM MAIN ROAD IN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY INSURGENTS. HE ALSO STATED THAT A DISSIDENT ARMY COLONEL WAS CAPTURED AND EXECUTED JUST PRIOR TO HIS TOUR OF THE AREA.

(J) AMCIT VOLAG EMPLOYEE REPORTS THAT "SOME ZEMETCHA STUDENTS" IN JIJIGA WERE KILLED RECENTLY BY ETHIOPIAN POLICE FOR DEMONSTRATING AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

2. COMMENT: AS WITH MOST OF OUR RECENT INFORMATION ON PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, THE INFORMATION IS RATHER SKETCHY AND LACKING IN DETAIL. INFORMATION ON THE STRENGTH OF THE VARIOUS INSURGENT GROUPS LANDED ON THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF WEAPONS THEY POSSESS IS PARTI-

CULARLY HARD TO COME BY. WITH DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, PEOPLE ARE LESS WILLING TO RISK TRAVEL TO UNCERTAIN AREAS, THUS FURTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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